

Harpswell Conservation Commission
Minutes for Meeting of May 4, 2010
Municipal Office Bldg., Harpswell, ME

Members present: Mary Ann Nahf (chair), D. Strachan, Donald Jones, Anne Perry, T. Barrett. Associate member: S. Vachon. Absent: A. Nemrow, B. Taylor

C. Tukey, Town Planner

Meeting called to order by M. Nahf at 3:03M

Minutes of April 13, 2010 approved. Moved by A. Perry, seconded by D. Jones. Unanimous

Member Announcements: Welcomed new associate member Sue Vachon. D. Strachan gave HHLT update on the Basin/Curtis Cove project which is focus area 12 in the OSP. HHLT plans to raise funds through several ways in order to purchase property. The latest Rob Bryan assessment has been sent to Concom members via email. HHLT wants to know if HCC will support their efforts going forward if they choose to go before town meeting in 2011 to raise money through bonding or appropriation. On another matter, she mentioned that MEACC is looking for examples of Concom lessons learned over the past year or so. SOB may be applicable. We will also send a copy of the Harpswell OSP.

Old Business: MNAP field survey update. M. Nahf has talked to Kristin and they are going to do a survey on Long Reach Bog sometime this summer. Will also consider Otter Brook corridor if time permits. Some HCC members may wish to accompany survey crew. For Otter Brook and vernal pools we need to structure meeting with some of the abutters. What to ask them and what to offer is important. Also need to keep SOB outreach in the forefront. M. Nahf gave brief review of last meeting presentation of Steve Walker from Maine Dept. of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife.

New Business: Election of officers. A. Perry moved that M. Nahf and D. Strachan continue as chair and vice chair respectively, seconded by T. Barrett. Unanimous. D. Jones would prefer not to continue as secretary so that will be rotated among Concom members, excluding the chair. T. Barrett will take the next meeting. Mission statement from 2009 handed out to members. Review and bring to next meeting. C. Tukey reminded members that definition of open space needs to be included in town ordinances. SOB material can be posted and handed out at the non-resident taxpayer meeting in early July. M. Nahf mentioned developing a chart/table to make it easier to get through the going naturally lawn process. T. Barrett mentioned trails day on June 5. There will be a walkers challenge on 5 trails in Harpswell all in one day.

Next Meetings: May 18, June 1 and 15, July 20, August 3 and 17.

Adjourned at 4:55pm
D. Jones, sec'y.